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Non-Coal

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November 4, 1986

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Dear Mr. Miller:

RE: Information Requested in Pre-permitting Meeting of
October 22, 1986, PRO/003/008, Box Elder County, Utah

DOE/003/007

I have enclosed the following information you requested during our recent meeting:

- 1) Draft Revisions, State of Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act. Please note that the regulations are divided into three main sections; exploration, small mining operations, and mining operations. The Division is currently in the process of revising dates for public comment periods, formal board hearings and initiation of rulemaking proceedings. I have entered your name on our mailing list to ensure that you will be notified when these dates are finalized.
- 2) Guidelines for Noncoal Maps.
- 3) Guidelines for Preparation of a Topsoil Management Plan (coal program) and Attachment II, Soil Survey and Sampling Methods. I have highlighted those sections of the coal guidelines which I feel will pertain to your proposed operation. For specific information, please contact James Leatherwood of our staff.

Division Biologist Lynn Kunzler has made several recommendations concerning vegetation sampling for your project. First, he feels that it is already too late in the season to conduct a valid survey. Second, he strongly suggests that you arrange to have either our office or the U.S. Soil Conservation Service perform the survey in the spring. Third, should you insist on performing the survey yourself, a meeting should be arranged with one of our biologists in order to discuss and develop an acceptable sampling program.

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You indicated that you will be performing the majority of the designs and calculations required for permitting yourself. In order to gain a better understanding of our requirements and considering the scope of your project, I strongly recommend that that you review the Division's files for copies of approved plans submitted by operators with similar projects.

I will look forward to working with you in the future. Should you have any questions or require additional information, please contact me or Frank Filas.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David M. Wham".

David M. Wham
Hydrologist

cc: Lowell Braxton
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